



PATENT
HD&P Docket No. 9847-000007/US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/662,205
Filing Date: September 12, 2003
Applicant: Rodney H. Thomas
Group Art Unit: Unknown
Examiner: Unknown
Title: COVERS, SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR
COVERING DECK COMPONENTS
Attorney Docket: 9847-000007/US

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

EV 317349014 US

09-29-03

PTO/SB/21 (08-00)

Approved for use through 08/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**TRANSMITTAL
FORM**

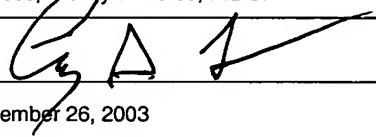
(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

		Application Number	10/662,205
		Filing Date	September 12, 2003
		First Name Inventor	Rodney H. Thomas
		Group Art Unit	Unknown
		Examiner Name	Unknown
Total Number of Pages in This Submission		Attorney Docket Number	9847-000007/US

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply) Express Mail NO. EV 317349014 US

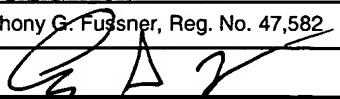
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Technology center (TC)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	Return Postcard
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application	Remarks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual name	Anthony G. Fussner, Reg. No. 47,582 Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C.
Signature	
Date	September 26, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1560 on the date shown below:

Typed or printed name	Anthony G. Fussner, Reg. No. 47,582
Signature	
Date	September 26, 2003

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be send to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

EV 317349014 US